

The Blade's Correspondence

Wants a Bound Volume.

TEXAS.—Being a subscriber to your valuable publication now for many years, and at present a recent delinquent, nevertheless I desire to place an order for one bound volume of the Blade—from January 19th to December 27th, 1908—with my name printed on same, provided you will hold the volume until such time as I can remit, which I hope will be in the near future, or as soon as I can make a "land-turn." With best wishes for the future of the Blade, I am.—A. H. MEULY.

Is Ready To Help.

CALIFORNIA.—I approve of the plan of incorporation, and will do what I can to get new subscribers, and will certainly buy stock to the extent of \$10.00, if the incorporation plan is approved by the present contributors of the Blue Grass Blade.—J. R. COLLINS.

Poems Promised.

CALIFORNIA.—I have written two poems, one entitled "Life," and the other a sequel to Life, entitled "Death." If you would care to examine these poems with a view to publishing them, I shall be glad to send them to you. The poems are of somewhat unusual length, "Life" containing 21 verses, and "Death" 50 verses. I ask nothing for these poems, except that they be returned if not published.—LAWRENCE BROADWELL.

Will Have Paine Dinner.

OHIO.—We will have our Tom Paine Dinner on January 31 (Sunday.) When can you come here to give us a lecture in Uhrichsville? Could you make it on Saturday evening, January 30? The Opera House, is vacant for that evening, and I am holding it for one week to see if you can so arrange. Let me know if the date suits you. If not, advise me when you can come. I have been so busy, and have been away, etc., that I am behind the times. Ohio is mad on temperance, or what is known as Local Option, as per Rose Law, which is County. We will soon have to go to Kentucky for our inspiration. I guess Hardesty has the Opera House O. K. for the Debates. I hope we shall have good crowds and success generally.—GEORGE O. ROBERTS.

Blade Must Not Wane.

OHIO.—The article published in the Blade of Dec. 6th on page 9, is appalling in the extreme. It brings to my mind a Kentucky woman who claimed to be a sanctified Methodist, and went to a far-off land to rake in the coin; and then desired to return to her native land, and gives God the glory by saying He will save her alone; and prays daily. I think when you know what sin is, you should not worship at a holy shrine, for fear you'd grieve its Holy Presence, to sin in such a manner with impunity. Such creatures should be cut off like the barren fig tree spoken of in Holy Writ.

Put me down for one dollar to the Emergen-

cy Fund. No, no, never let the good B. G. B. wane. I have read the Blade for 20 years.—A FRIEND.

Anxious for the Debate.

OHIO.—I see by the Blade that you are going to have a Debate at Canal Dover. The mail agent who comes from there tells me the people of that locality are looking forward to the time with great expectations. I would love to be there, and if I can arrange my work so I can, I am going to hear you give the sky-pilot his bumps. Charlesworth, there is nothing doing here to speak of that will interest you; but while the religionists are hot after one another, I have written an article against our worst enemy, and while this subject is on the tongues of all I believe it is worth publishing in the Blade. So if in your opinion, it is the right stuff at the right time, crowd it in now while the iron is hot. Charlesworth, it has distressed me very much to read the financial condition of the Blade. After the 1st of next July I hope to be able to assist you in this matter; and if I live I will do so. Our Club here is not growing as rapidly as it should, and we are now waiting until the Local Option election is over, which is to be held on the 19th. After that we are going to get down to business. I hope in my next letter to report the birth of a good Club.—WM. H. COX.

Just a Few Pointers.

OHIO.—I made no reply to your request for an opinion on the Blade Stock Company, for the simple reason that I wanted to study the pulse of our people. Their replies indicate that they realize your predicament only to an extent, leaving you to sustain the entire cause by your own efforts with a mere hand-to-mouth method if necessary. This is an imposition of the grossest kind. (Kindly consider this letter personal.) Well do they show their patriotism when you are doomed to extinction, as in the Postoffice scare. But now realizing no immediate danger, they remain dormant. I would kindly insist on coming at them with the following: How much can I depend on from each and every individual Freethinker, as subscriber to the Blade, payable yearly in advance? \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00, and as high as can be reached. Put up or leave me to shut up. Subscribers to answer per mail by check, or stating the time payment can be expected. I have found this the only business method in the practice of medicine, which I have followed for 20 years. Don't come often, but come hard when you do. So far as I am concerned, I will pay \$3 per year from this on as long as I like the Blade, providing the rest of the subscribers will obligate themselves, specifying the various amounts to be paid. Resp'y.—A FRIEND.

A Very Pointed Question.

MAINE.—Will you, or some of your intelligent contributors explain why Freethinkers and the Liberal press, almost without exception, fall right in with Christians in celebrating the mass for Christ?

I have wondered if they repeat the Lord's prayer in unison as they gather at the morning meal? I respect the celebration of the Lord's supper and the 39 Articles of the Christian faith just as much as I do these other church feasts. I was in the church many years, and hence had some bad habits. For several decades I could hardly keep tobacco out of my mouth long enough to get a chew of the body of g-sus or a lap at his blood; but when I stuffed off that old moss-backed superstition known as Christianity, I began to clean house. With my graduation from the old into the new, I did my best to get rid of every expression that could ever become a reminder of the fake I had so long fostered. I never use the word Christmas in my conversation, and for more than 35 years have not accepted nor made a present at that time, and I have children ranging all along from 3½ years to 38. We cannot afford to lie to the children and teach them to become criminals. Have you ever observed the vast number of thefts at this season of the year? Do you not see how inconsistent it is for us to lend a hand in aid of perpetuating this criminal farce, in celebrating the birthday of a mythical g-sus? Let us be consistent at any rate. It galls me awfully to write "1908," and I hope we may soon be able to abolish that.—JOHN P. THORNDYKE.

Wants the Wettstein Pamphlet.

OHIO.—I want one dozen well bound copies of that splendid address of Mr. Wettstein's, "The Ax at the Root." I do not promise, though, to be satisfied with one dozen only. I have a book here, "The Desert of Waiting." It is 6¼x3¾, 32 pages, 80 words on a page. According to my estimate, Mr. Wettstein's address put up in the same way, would make 82 pages. It is well written and should be well bound.—H. M. LUCAS.

The True Christian Way.

CONN.—Some weeks ago I sent you a clipping from the religious column of the Saturday Globe, of Utica, N. Y. Said clipping stated that the days of infidelity had passed; that there were no infidels in the country.

I immediately sent The Globe a copy of The Blade, containing a program of the convention we were about to hold at Canal Dover, O., and I wrote them referring to this convention of Freethinkers and reminded them that the Blade and numerous other papers and magazines were supported entirely by infidel readers; and that I trusted their desire to keep their readers well informed and their love of truth and fair-dealing would prompt them in rectifying the statement made in a previous issue of their paper.

But they have entirely ignored the subject. Mr. Editor, is that the right way to do business, or is that the Christian way?—THOMAS TRUHART.

Takes a Bound Volume.

IOWA.—Put me down for a bound volume of the Blade. I am trying to get our Public (Carriage) Library Board to say that they would accept a copy as a present, but I fear that I am going to fail in that, because the Board is composed of two ladies, one a Presbyterian, one a Methodist, and one gentleman, who is also a Methodist, but is inclined to be fair and liberal. I believe that if I can persuade them to admit it, the Liberal people will chip in and pay for it. I would do so alone if I could afford to. Hoping that the Blade will prosper, I remain.—C. B. LeBARRON.